

D. Remarks

The claims are 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13 and 14, with claims 1, 6, 7 and 11 being independent. Claims 2, 8 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice; the subject matter of the cancelled claims has been included in amended claims 1, 6, 7 and 11. In addition, certain formal amendments have been made to all of claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13 and 14; Applicant submits that all amendments are supported by the application as filed and, therefore, do not present issues of new matter. Reconsideration of the present claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the drawings because reference numeral 330, as noted at page 25, line 21, of the specification is not shown in the drawings. In response, Applicant has amended the specification at the noted point to change "330" to --331--. The specification is now consistent with Figures 6-8. Accordingly, no changes are required in the drawings and the objection to the drawings should be removed.

The Examiner also indicated that the title is not descriptive. In response, Applicant has amended the title to read --INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS AND INK JET PRINTING METHOD USING SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENT VOLTAGES TO CONTROL INK DISCHARGE--. Applicant submits the title is now sufficiently descriptive. Accordingly, the Examiner's requirement for a new title has been satisfied.

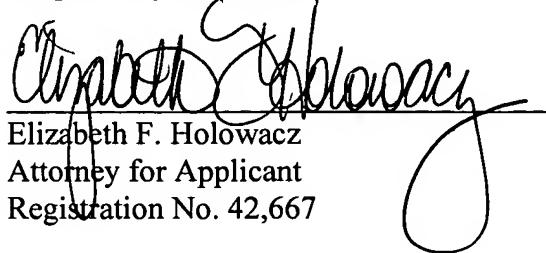
The Examiner further objected to claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 11-14 due to certain informalities. In response, Applicant has amended the claims to address those informalities, often in manners consistent with those kindly suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the objection to claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 11-14 should be removed.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kishida (U.S. Patent No. 5,172,134). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1, 6, 7 and 11 to include the subject matter of cancelled claims 2, 8 and 12. As cancelled claims 2, 8 and 12 (as well as claims 3-5, 9, 10, 13 and 14) were indicated by the Examiner to be directed to allowable subject matter, all of the claims should now be directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102 rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and passage to issue of the present case is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

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